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TO AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY  
AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

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SUBJECT:TREASURY CHECK ENVELOPE

REF: FRANKFURT.S OM JAN. 19, 1977; STATE 304074 DEC. 15,

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1. FOR OVER FIVE YEARS, FRG HAS BEEN PRESSING US TO CHANGE  
TREASURY CHECK ENVELOPE TO COMPLY WITH FRG POSTAL REGULA-  
TIONS WHICH ARE, AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, IN ACCORD WITH  
"WORLD POSTAL AGREEMENT". STATE 304074 INDICATES THAT FRG  
POSTAL AUTHORITIES HAVE GRANTED EXTENSION TO END OF 1978  
TO PERMIT US TO COMPLY WITH THEIR POSTAL REGULATIONS.

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2. TREASURY, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, WILL COMPLY WITH REGULA-  
TIONS. THEY WILL PLACE INFORMATION RE DISPOSITION OF UN-  
DELIVERABLE CHECKS ON REVERSE OF ENVELOPE THUS LEAVING RE-  
QUIRED MARGIN AT BOTTOM OF ENVELOPE AND OTHER CLEAR AREAS.  
HOWEVER, THEY CANNOT CHANGE LOCATION OF WINDOW ON ENVELOPE  
NOR ALTER ADDRESS PLACEMENT ON CHECK BECAUSE OF EXPENSE

WHICH WOULD BE CAUSED BY NEED CHANGE ENTIRE SYSTEM BEING  
USED FOR FIFTY MILLION MONTHLY CHECKS. FRANKFURT ONLY  
RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME TWENTY THOUSAND CHECKS MONTHLY.

3. THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT THE EMBASSY INQUIRE OF  
THE FRG WHETHER THEY ARE STILL INSISTENT ON COMPLIANCE.  
HAS CLIMATE CHANGED OVER LAST TWO YEARS SUCH THAT PROBLEM  
IS A DEAD ISSUE? SURELY, BY THIS TIME, OUR ENVELOPES AND  
CHECKS HAVE POSED NO INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEM NOR CAUSED UNDUE  
EXPENSE TO THEIR POSTAL SYSTEM. PERHAPS, NOW, THE FRG HAS  
POSTAL EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL MAKE CHANGE IN OUR SYSTEM  
UNNECESSARY. TREASURY WOULD LIKE A PERMANENT WAIVER OF  
REQUIREMENTS RE LOCATION OF WINDOW AND ADDRESS. NO OTHER  
COUNTRY HAS REQUIRED US TO COMPLY WITH THIS PARTICULAR  
ADDRESS PLACEMENT.

4. SHOULD FRG NOT AGREE, IT IS EXPECTED THAT AMCONSUL  
FRANKFURT WOULD BE OBLIGED REENVELOPE AND ADDRESS SOME  
20,000 CHECKS MONTHLY. FRANKFURT REQUESTED PROVIDE COST  
AND TIME DATA THIS PROCESS IN GERMANY SO THAT DEPARTMENT  
MAY EVALUATE COST EFFECTIVENESS AND DETERMINE WHETHER  
IT SHOULD BE DONE IN GERMANY WHERE COSTS ARE EXPECTED  
TO BE EXTREMELY HIGH.

5 VIEW APPROACHING DEADLINE, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE  
A REPLY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. CHRISTOPHER  
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